

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
VICTORIA DIVISION

In re:)	Case No. 22 - 60020
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INFOW, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ,)	Chapter 11 (Subchapter V)
)	
Debtors. ¹)	Jointly Administered
)	

**DEBTORS' APPLICATION TO EMPLOY KYUNG S. LEE PLLC AS BANKRUPTCY
COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF MAY 16, 2022**

IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU MUST RESPOND IN WRITING, SPECIFICALLY ANSWERING EACH PARAGRAPH OF THIS PLEADING. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COURT, YOU MUST FILE YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE CLERK OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU WERE SERVED WITH THIS PLEADING. YOU MUST SERVE A COPY OF YOUR RESPONSE ON THE PERSON WHO SENT YOU THE NOTICE; OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY TREAT THE PLEADING AS UNOPPOSED AND GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

TO THE HONORABLE CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ,
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

InfoW, LLC (“InfoW”), IWHealth, LLC (“IW Health”), and Prison Planet TV, LLC (“Prison Planet TV”), and together with InfoW and IW Health, the “Debtors”), the debtors in the above-captioned bankruptcy cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”), hereby file this application (the “Application”) to employ Kyung S. Lee PLLC (“KSLPLLC”) as bankruptcy counsel, effective as of May 16, 2022. As discussed in detail below, Mr. Kyung S. Lee, the partner at Parkins Lee & Rubio LLP (“PLR”) exclusively handling the representation of the Debtors, withdrew as a partner

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are as follows: InfoW, LLC, f/k/a Infowars, LLC (6916), IWHealth, LLC f/k/a Infowars Health, LLC (no EIN), Prison Planet TV, LLC (0005). The address for service to the Debtors is PO Box 1819, Houston, TX 77251-1819.

from PLR as of May 15, 2022 and went back to practice under Kyung S. Lee PLLC starting on May 16, 2022. Subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court, the Chief Restructuring Officer, Marc Schwartz, the Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtors has engaged KSLPLLC to represent the Debtors commencing as of May 16, 2022, pursuant to an Engagement Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit B. In support of the Application, the Debtors submit the Declaration of Kyung S. Lee (the “Lee Declaration”), attached as Exhibit A hereto, and respectfully states as follows:

JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).
2. Venue is proper in this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
3. The bases for the relief sought are sections 327(a) and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rules 2014, 2016, and 6003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Local Rules”).

BACKGROUND

A. The Debtors

4. On April 18, 2022 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11, subchapter v, of the Bankruptcy Code.
5. Marc Schwartz is the Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtors. No request for the removal of the Debtors as debtors-in-possession has been made in these Chapter 11 Cases.
6. Additional background information on the Debtors can be found in the Debtors’ *Emergency Motion For Order Authorizing Appointment of Russell F. Nelms and Richard S.*

Schmidt As Trustees of the 2022 Litigation Settlement Trust and Granting Related Relief [Dkt No. 6].

B. Proposed Employment of Kyung S. Lee PLLC

i. Scope of Employment

7. Subject to the Court's approval, KSLPLLC will serve as general bankruptcy counsel in connection with the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, commencing on May 16, 2022.

ii. Necessity of Employment

8. The Debtors believe that the assistance of counsel specializing in bankruptcy is necessary and appropriate to administer these Chapter 11 Cases. The Debtors cannot proceed in chapter 11 without counsel and would face extreme difficulty complying with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and successfully reorganizing their financial affairs for the benefit of their creditors without attorneys who focus their practice on corporate bankruptcy.

iii. Reasons for Selection

9. The Debtors are retaining KSLPLLC because of the extensive experience of Mr. Lee, in all aspects of corporate bankruptcy and representing chapter 11 debtors in this district and because of his familiarity with the Debtors and the Chapter 11 Cases, having been the primary partner in charge of the cases while he was at PLR.

10. Mr. Lee is familiar with the Debtors' financial condition in connection with the preparation of the Debtors' Petitions, Schedules, and SOFAs. The Debtors expended substantial efforts prior to the Petition Date to developing a structure for a global resolution of litigation claims against the Debtors and affiliated co-defendants. Mr. Lee was intimately involved in that process.

11. Since the Petition Date, Mr. Lee has been involved in all aspects of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases, ranging from reporting to the Court at Status Conferences to negotiating with

counsel for the Texas and Connecticut Plaintiffs regarding their withdrawal of claims and dismissals of suits with prejudice.

12. Any other firm would need to spend significant time and effort to become familiar with the Debtors, the Plan Support Agreement, the Debtors' liabilities, and related agreements that would delay administering the subchapter v bankruptcy cases.

13. The Debtors therefore believe that KSLPLLC, and especially Mr. Lee, is well-qualified and uniquely able to represent the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases in an efficient and timely manner.

iv. Proposed Compensation & Reimbursement

14. KSLPLLC intends to apply to the Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the guidelines (the "Guidelines") established by the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas (the "U.S. Trustee"), and any orders of this Court in these Chapter 11 Cases (the "Orders"), for all services performed and expenses incurred during its representation of the Debtors.

15. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, the Guidelines, and the Orders, the Debtors propose to pay KSLPLLC as set out in the Engagement Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit B and as summarized in the following chart:

BILLER	RATE
Kyung S. Lee	\$850
Other Associate Attorneys	\$300 - \$650
Paralegals	\$150 - \$250
Legal Assistants	\$50-\$100

16. The Debtors believe that KSLPLLC's agreed terms of reimbursement, compensation, and hourly rates are reasonable. KSLPLLC will notify the Debtors of any change in the hourly rates charged for services rendered while the Chapter 11 Cases are pending.

v. Retainer

17. The Debtors did not engage KSLPLLC prior to the Petition Date. Although KSLPLLC has requested a retainer, KSLPLLC has not received a retainer to secure the payment of KSLPLLC's fees in connection with the representation as of the time of filing the Application. KSLPLLC shall report to the Court if circumstances change, and a retainer is provided to the firm.

vi. Connections

18. The Lee Declaration sets out KSLPLLC's connections with the Debtors, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, and any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee. To the best of the Debtors' knowledge, KSLPLLC does not hold any connections other than those disclosed in the Lee Declaration.

19. The Debtors believe that KSLPLLC neither holds nor represents a disqualifying interest that is adverse to the estate and is a "disinterested person." If any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered, KSLPLLC will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

RELIEF REQUESTED

20. The Debtors request that the Court enter an order substantially in the form of the proposed order attached hereto (the "Proposed Order") authorizing the Debtors to retain KSLPLLC as general bankruptcy counsel, pursuant to the terms of the Engagement Agreement, commencing on May 16, 2022.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

21. Subject to bankruptcy court approval, Bankruptcy Code § 327(a) authorizes trustees—and debtors-in-possession—to “employ one or more attorney’s accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the trustee in carrying out the trustee’s duties . . .” Bankruptcy Code § 327(c) provides that “[i]n a case under chapter 7, 12, or 11 of this title, a person is not disqualified for employment under this section solely because of such person’s employment by or representation of a creditor, unless there is objection by another creditor or the United States trustee, in which case the court shall disapprove such employment if there is an actual conflict of interest.”

22. Bankruptcy Rule 2014 requires certain disclosures prior to the entry of an order approving the employment of a professional. According to Bankruptcy Rule 2014, the application must:

- (a) Be filed by the trustee or committee and served on the United States Trustee (except in cases under chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code);
- (b) State the specific facts showing the necessity for the employment, the name of the person to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, any proposed arrangement for compensation, and, to the best of the applicant’s knowledge, all of the person’s connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee; and
- (c) Be accompanied by a verified statement of the person to be employed setting forth the person’s connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee.

A. KSLPLLC Meets the Requirements of Bankruptcy Code § 327(a)

23. Based on the Lee Declaration, the Debtors submit that KSLPLLC neither holds nor represents a disqualifying adverse interest and is a “disinterested person” as that term is defined in § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

24. The term “disinterested person” is defined by the Bankruptcy Code. According to Bankruptcy Code § 101(14):

The term “disinterested person” means a person that— (A) is not a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider; (B) is not and was not, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer, or employee of the debtor; and (C) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor, or for any other reason.

25. The Lee Declaration discloses no connections with the Debtors that would disqualify KSLPLLC as a “disinterested person” and the Debtors are aware of no connections in addition to those disclosed in the Lee Declaration.

B. This Application and the Lee Declaration Meet the Requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 2014

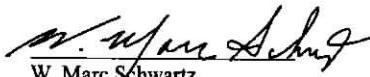
26. This Application and the Lee Declaration meet the requirements as set out in Bankruptcy Rule 2014. This Application is made by the Debtors and sets out the necessity for the employment, the name of the person to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, the proposed arrangement for compensation. The Lee Declaration is a verified statement pursuant to 28 U.S.C § 1746 that sets out all connections that KSLPLLC has with the Debtors, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee. The Debtors are not aware of any other connections in addition to those disclosed in the Lee Declaration.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter an order substantially in the form of the Proposed Order approving the employment of KSLPLLC commencing on May 16, 2022 and grant any other relief that is just and proper.

Dated: May 19, 2022

Respectfully submitted,


W. Marc Schwartz
Chief Restructuring Officer and Authorized
Representative of InfoW, LC, IW Health,
LLC and Prison Planet TV, LLC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 19, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by (a) the Court's CM/ECF system on all parties registered to receive such service, (b) by U.S.P.S. first class mail on the parties indicated in the attached service list, and (c) the following parties by email:

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